

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPAIR OF RAILWAY BRIDGES AND TRACKS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the last rain and floods have damaged a large number of Railway Bridges and tracks;
- (b) if so, the State-wise and zone-wise breakup of such bridges/tracks which are in the dilapidated condition particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;
- (c) the estimated loss caused to Railways thereby; and
- (d) the steps taken to repair the damages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) Yes Sir. There has been damage to certain Railway Bridges and tracks on some Zonal Railways during last rain & floods. Damages were in the form of ballast washouts & embankments erosions, washouts in various affected stretches & partial damage to some Bridges.
- (b) The Bridge/track details are maintained Railway-wise and not State-wise. Boulder fall, landslide & shifting of Bridge abutments have occurred at about 90 locations on East Coast Railway which caters to, besides other States, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. All the Bridges/tracks damaged by recent rain & floods have already been repaired and made fit for rail traffic.
- (c) The approximate loss caused to Railways due to last rain & floods, as per preliminary estimates, is Rs. 35 Crore for all Railways.
- (d) Immediate necessary action was taken by Railways for restoration of Rail services and repair & rehabilitation of damaged assets whenever there was disruption of traffic and damage to Railways assets due to rain & floods. Necessary manpower, machinery & other resources were mobilized and work was taken up on war footing to restore the traffic first. Each Zonal Railway maintain stocks of items like boulders, sand, gunny bags, rails, sleepers and temporary spans at nominated places to meet with such emergent situations.